

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:)	
Emily A. Steigerwald,)	Case No. 23-10130-JCM
)	Chapter 13
Debtor)	
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Emily A. Steigerwald,)	Related to Docket No. 118
)	
Movant)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
Ronda J. Winnecour, Trustee,)	
)	
Respondent)	

ORDER EMPLOYING SPECIAL COUNSEL

AND NOW, this 3rd day of September, 2025, upon consideration of the ***APPLICATION TO EMPLOY SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM*** it is hereby ***ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED*** as follows:

1. Peter A. Pentz, Esquire and Pentz Law of 2409 State Street, Floor 2 Suite A, Erie, PA 16503, is hereby appointed as of the date the Application, as ***Special Counsel*** for the Estate/Movant pursuant to the terms (20% of any award under the Workers' Compensation Act, and reimbursement of costs and expenses; 25% of any award not under the Workers' Compensation Act prior to the filing of a suit; 33 ⅓% of any award not under the Workers' Compensation Act after the filing of a suit and prior to the filing of an appeal; 40% of any award not under the Workers' Compensation Act after the filing of an appeal) described in the Fee Agreement attached to the above referenced *Application* for the limited purpose of acting as attorney in connection with the interest of the Estate/Movant in pursuing a Workers' Compensation claim as referenced in the foregoing *Application*, ***PROVIDED HOWEVER***, no settlement of any claim is to occur without prior Court Order after notice and hearing.
2. Professional persons or entities performing services in the above case are advised that approval of fees for professional services will be based not only on the amount involved and the results accomplished, but other factors as well including: the time and labor reasonably required by counsel, the novelty and difficulty of the issues presented, the skill requisite to perform the legal service properly, the preclusion of other employment due to acceptance of this case, the customary fee, whether the fee is fixed or contingent, the time limitations imposed by the client or the circumstances, the experience, reputation and ability of the attorneys involved, the undesirability of the case, the nature and length of the professional relationship with the client, and, awards in similar cases.
3. Approval of any motion for appointment of counsel in which certain hourly rates/compensation terms are stated for various professionals is not an agreement by the Court to allow fees at the

requested hourly rates or compensation terms, and is not a preapproval of compensation pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §328(a). Final compensation, awarded only after notice and hearing, may be more or less than the requested hourly rates/compensation terms based on application of the above-mentioned factors in granting approval by Court Order. ***Any retainer paid to the Special Counsel is unaffected by this Order and remains property of the Estate until further order of Court.***

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the letter of engagement or agreement between Movant and Special Counsel, this Order does not authorize Special Counsel to retain or pay any outside counsel or other professional to assist Special Counsel in this matter unless such is done at no expense to Movant, directly or indirectly. Any other retention of and payment to an outside counsel or other professional is subject to prior approval of the Court.
5. The appointment of Charbel G. Latouf, Esquire and Latouf Law Firm is terminated upon the entry of this Order.
6. ***Movant shall serve the within Order on all interested parties and file a certificate of service.***



John C. Melaragno, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

SIGNED
9/3/25 11:22 am
CLERK
U.S. BANKRUPTCY
COURT - WDPA

In re:
Emily A. Steigerwald
Debtor

Case No. 23-10130-JCM
Chapter 13

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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Date Rcvd: Sep 03, 2025

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+	Addresses marked '+' were corrected by inserting the ZIP, adding the last four digits to complete the zip +4, or replacing an incorrect ZIP. USPS regulations require that automation-compatible mail display the correct ZIP.

Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on Sep 05, 2025:

Recip ID	Recipient Name and Address
db	+ Emily A. Steigerwald, 2169 South Manor Drive, Erie, PA 16505-4768
sp	+ Charbel G. Latouf, Latouf Law Firm, 2409 State Street, Floor 2 Suite A, Erie, PA 16503-1856
sp	+ Peter Pentz, 2409 State Street, Floor 2 Suite A, Erie, PA 16503-1856

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NONE

BYPASSED RECIPIENTS

The following addresses were not sent this bankruptcy notice due to an undeliverable address, *duplicate of an address listed above, *P duplicate of a preferred address, or ## out of date forwarding orders with USPS.

NONE

NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Sep 05, 2025

Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on September 3, 2025 at the address(es) listed below:

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